



Mayor & City Council Work Session May 13, 2013

Committee Charge

- Review existing conditions of the site
- Identify commemorative plantings that may need to be restored or relocated if necessary
- Review information gathered by staff through outreach to original donor base





Committee Charge (cont.)

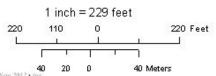




- Consult with
 Gaithersburg Police
 Department on safety/security issues
 related to park renovations
- Gather input on potential improvements or modifications to the site



Gaithersburg Library 1979

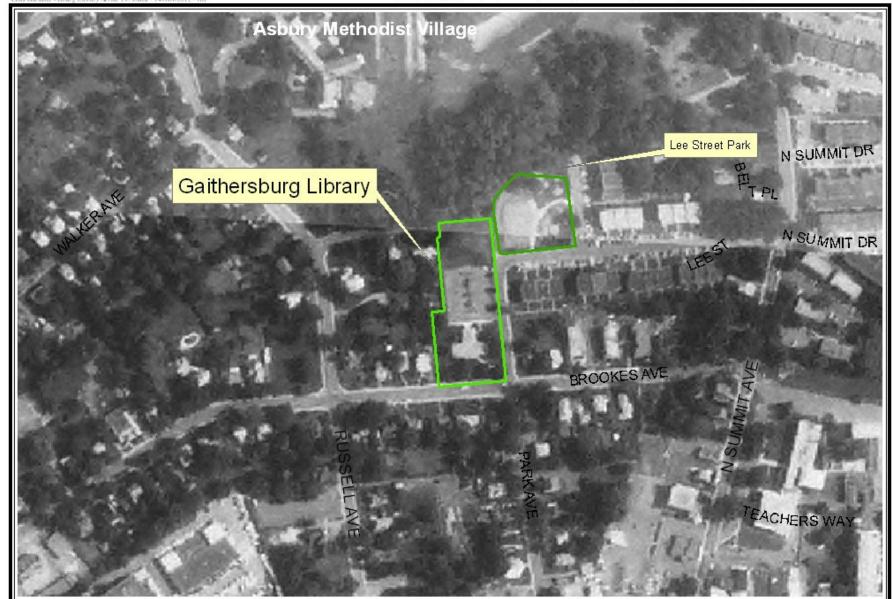


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Gaithersburg Library – Circa 1961

Photo Courtesy Shaun Curtis



Gaithersburg branch of the Montgomery County Public Library on Brookes Avenue



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Constitution Gardens 1 inch = 92 feet 90 Feet Aerial 2011

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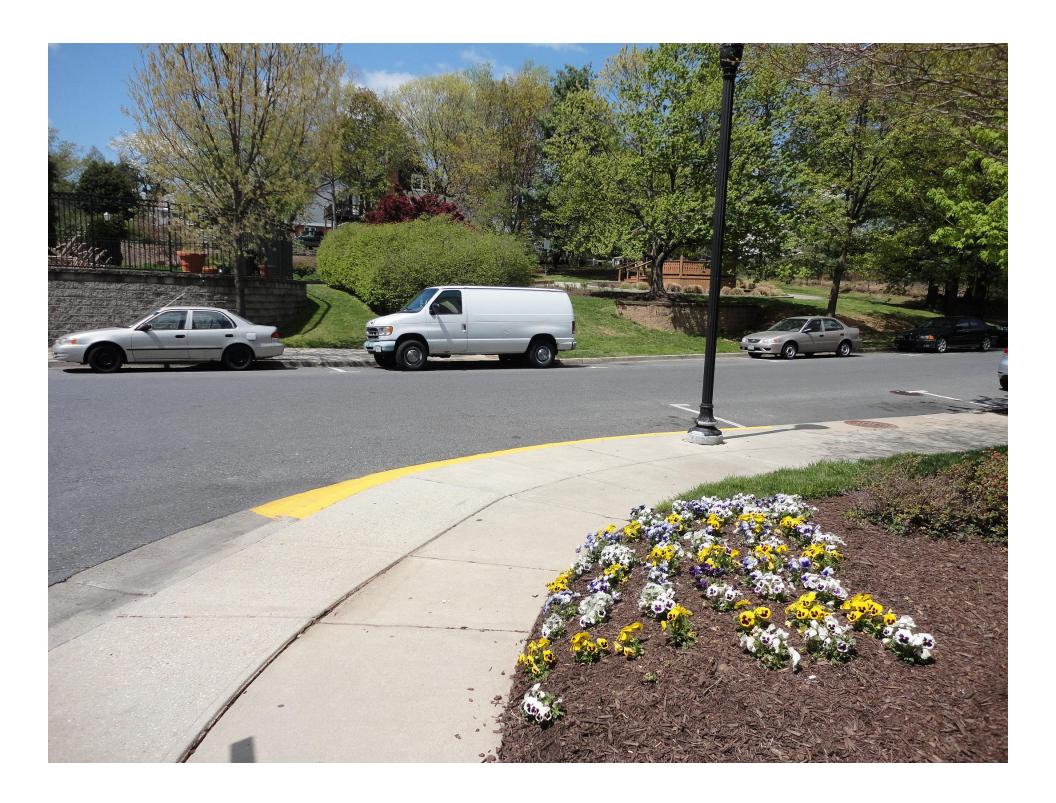
Commemorative Plantings and Original Donor Base











Park Walk With Officer Dan Lane

Dan discussed safety and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concerns with the current park:

- Signage celebrating the park is hidden off the road
- There currently is only one dedicated entrance to the park
- There are no marked transitional zones letting people know where the park ends and location of the leased area of the apartment complex

Park Walk with Officer Lane (continued)

- The current lighting in the park does meet CPTED guidelines.
- Safety concerns have been:
 - 1. Homeless individuals sleeping and drinking in the bushes
 - 2. Individuals drinking in and around the gazebo



Areas
For
Improvement



Amount of Pavement

More Active Use of the Gazebo





Improve Secondary entrance on Park Avenue

Lack of Defined Formal Entrance





Horticulture and Fencing

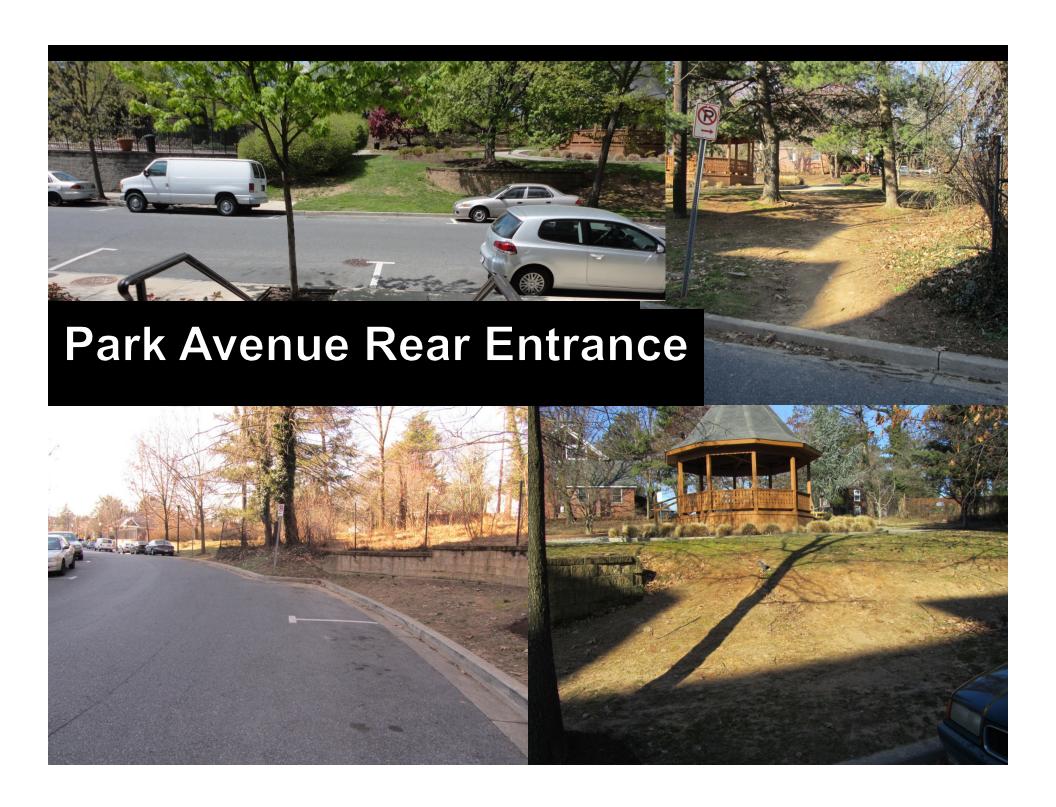






















Public Art









Creating Varying Park Themes

















Proposed "Green" Highlights

- Rain Barrel/Dry Well at the Gazebo
- Permeable/Decorative Pavement
- Use of Sustainable Practices/Plants

2-24" SOIL MIX

- Rain Garden
- Reduction of Pavement
- Community Herb Garden
- Re-allocating Materials on Site by Recycling Concrete for a Water Feature

RAINGARDEN SECTION

Educational Components

- Horticulture (Plant Identification)
- On-site Classroom Learning Components for K-12
- Master Gardener/Certified Professional Horticulturist Course Study
- Rain Garden and Environmental Preservation
- Interactive Learning Elements
- Scavenger Hunt with Plants and Art
- Educational Signage

Gardens & Horticulture

- Resuscitate and revive the Gardens
- Incorporate and maintain plants for all seasons that are drought tolerant and compatible with the neighborhood
- Relocate Rose Garden to the front
- Plant Peonies throughout the park
- Identify plants as well as donors
- Create a Community Herb Garden

David Post Landscape Architect, ASLA, RLA, ISA

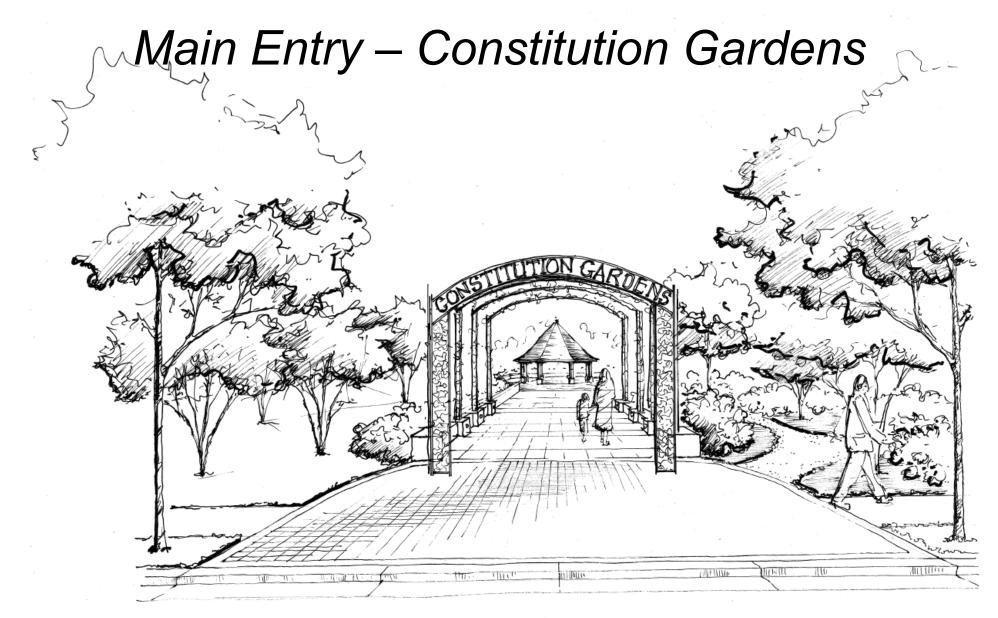






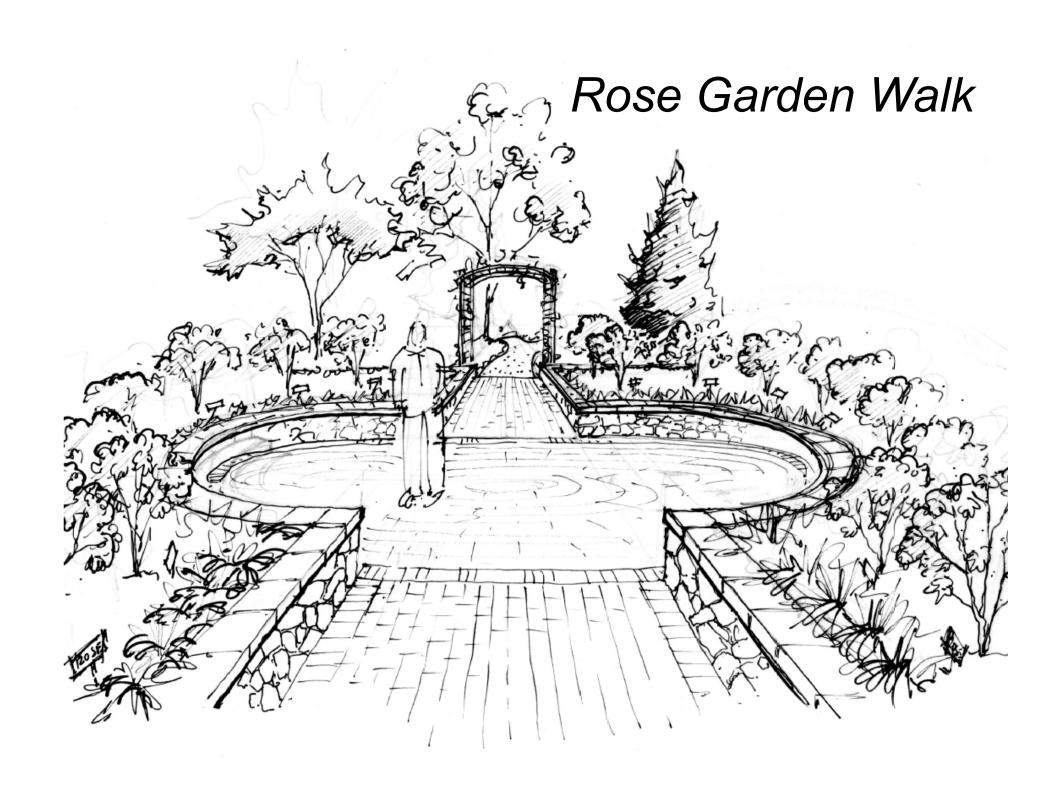


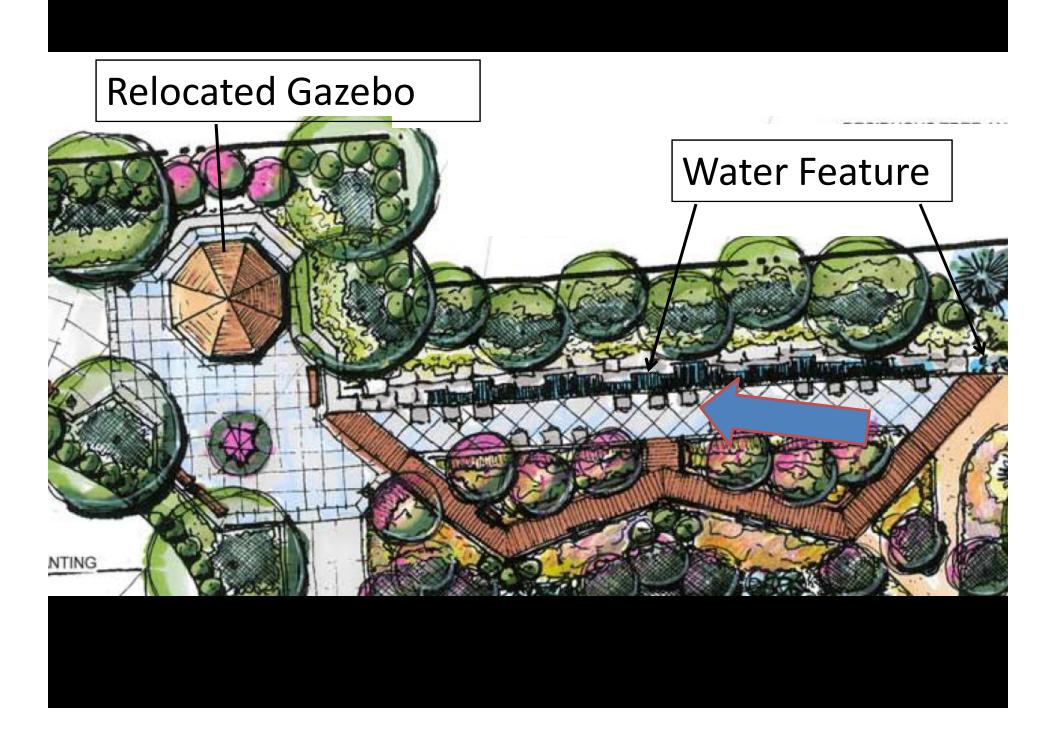


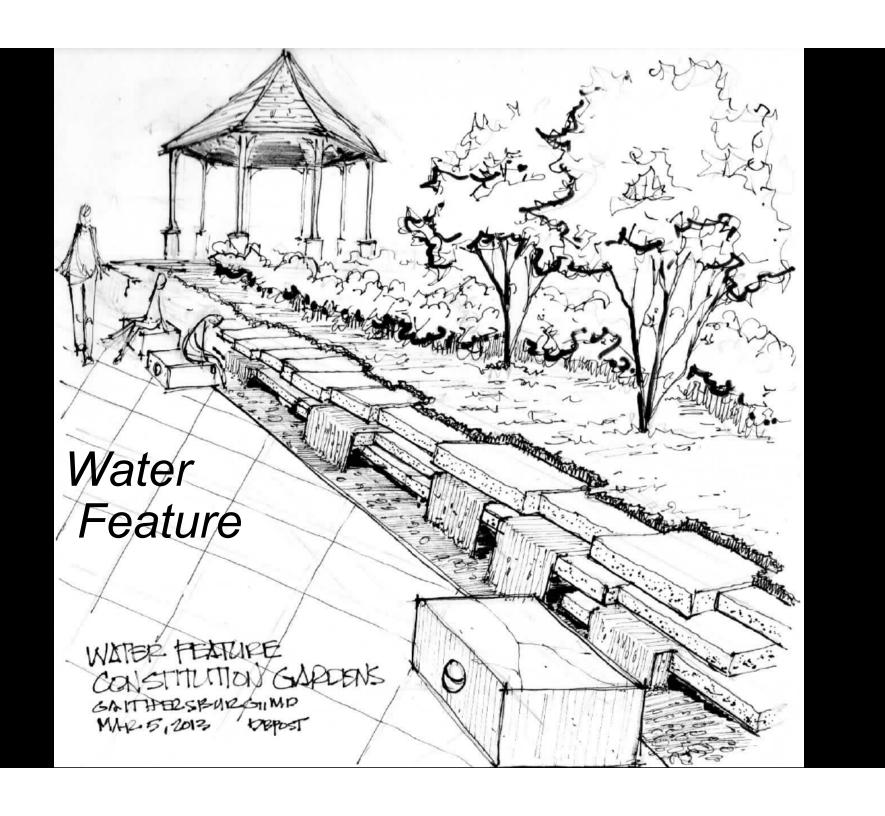


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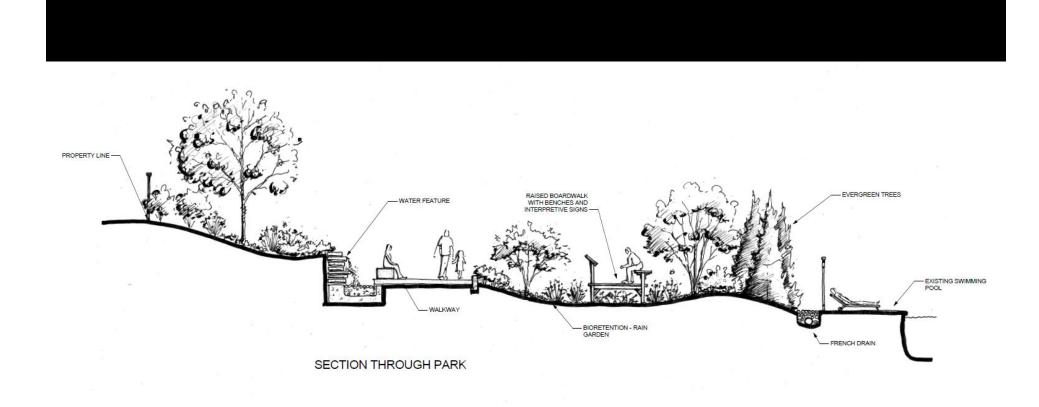


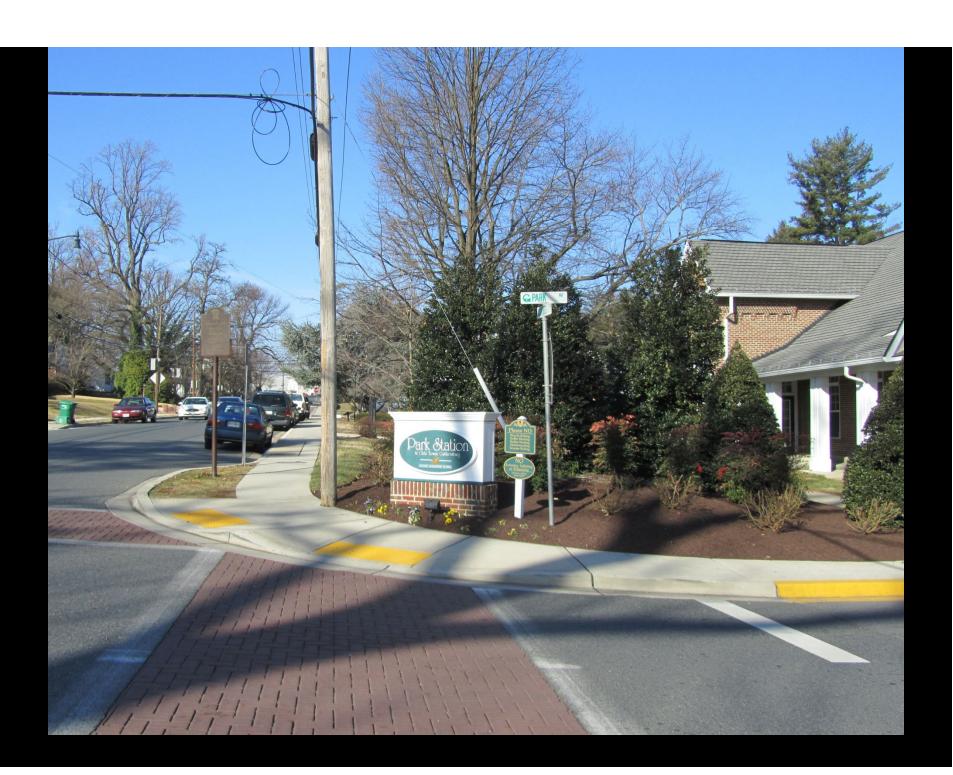


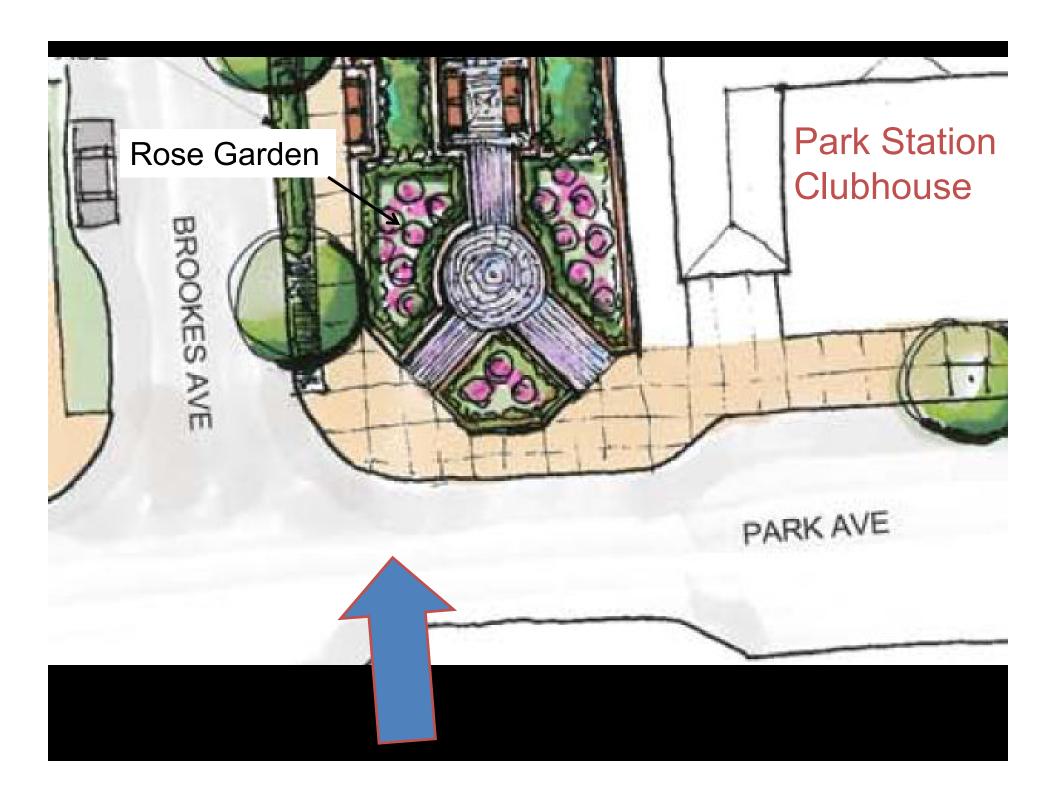


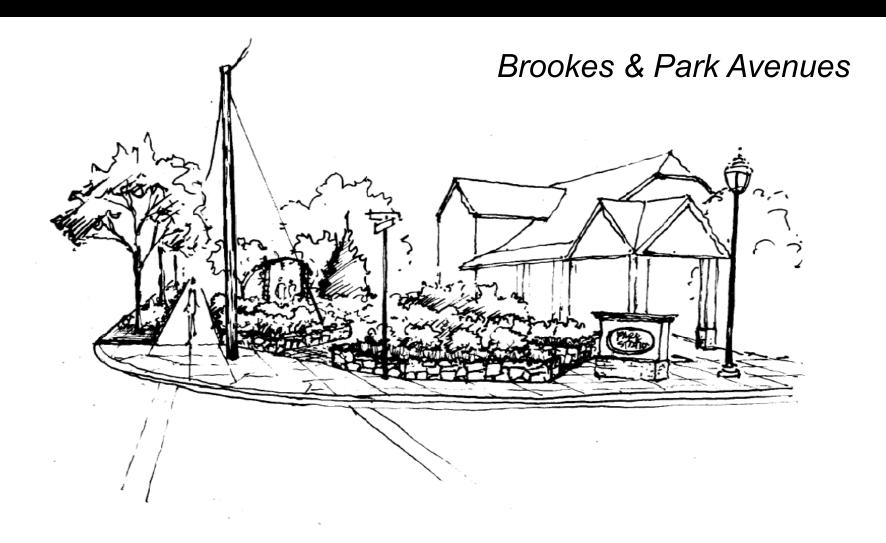












VIEW FROM BROOKES & PAPK AVES.
CONSTITUTION GARDENS
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG.

POSTMODERN LANDSCAPE ARQUITECTURE 4-15-2013



Public Art







Park Avenue





Play Area Product Samples











Play Area





Park that incorporates the past and present, and educates the future

- Sustainable amenities to emphasize Horticulture & Environment
- Attractive and inviting features for all ages that make the park active
- Safe, Secure & Inviting